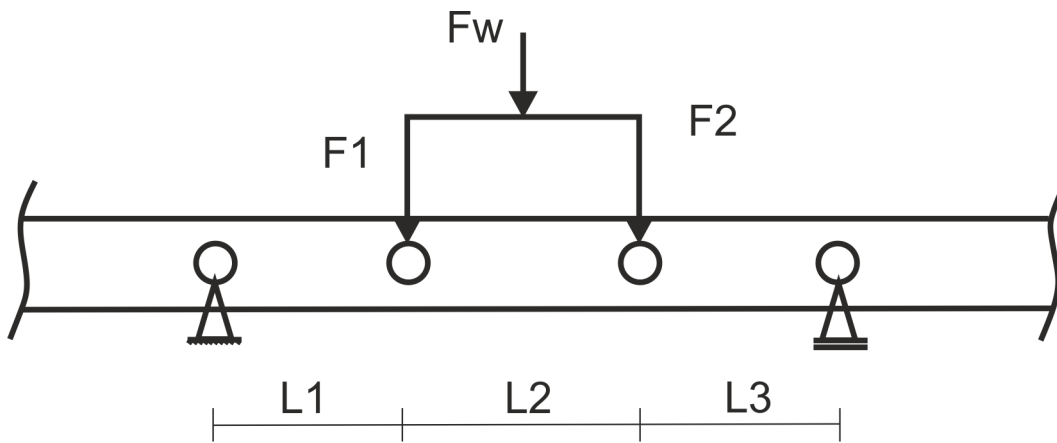


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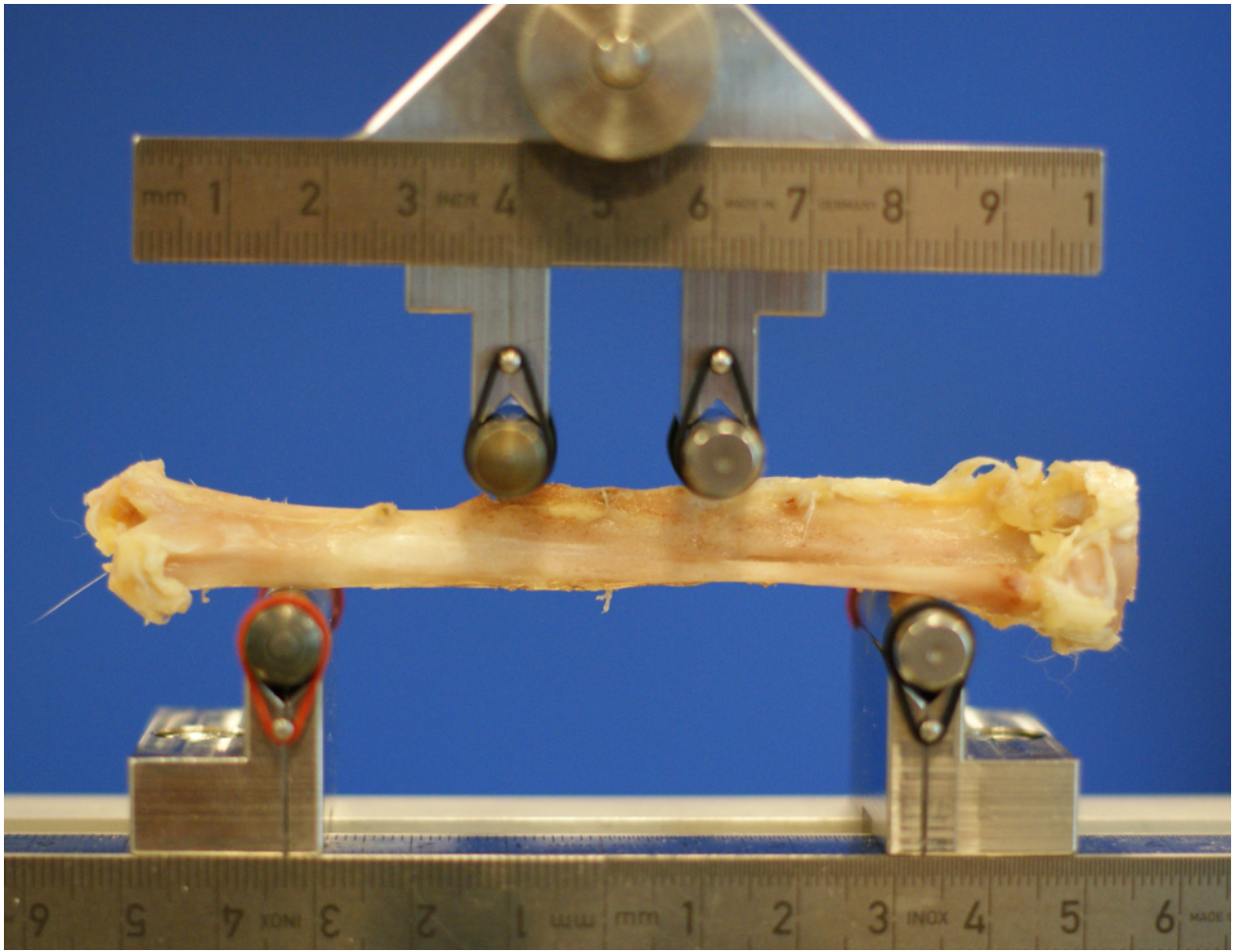
Supplementary material



Supplementary figure 1: Schematic illustration of the in vivo four-point bending test. Showing weight (F_w), distance between proximal pins (L_1), distance between inner pins (L_2), distance between distal pins (L_3). Calculation of structural bending stiffness from in-vivo stiffness measurements

with $\frac{\Delta F_w}{\Delta w} = m$ (*Slope of the Force – Distance – Graph*) and $L_{total} = L_1 + L_2 + L_3$

$$EI = m * \frac{L_{total}^3}{6} * \left[\left(\frac{L_1}{L_{total}} \right)^2 * \left(\frac{L_2 + L_3}{L_{total}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{L_1 + L_2}{L_{total}} \right)^2 * \left(\frac{L_3}{L_{total}} \right)^2 \right]$$



Supplementary figure 2: Setup ex-vivo four-point bending-test



Supplementary figure 3: μ CT 3D reconstruction of the osteotomy region of the tibia below the explanted plate (animal 30, induction group) shows bony bridging of the osteotomy 42 days after surgery.